GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2167
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01ST JANUARY, 2018

EMPLOYMENT IN TRADITIONAL INDUSTRIES

2167. SHRI RAJKUMAR SAINI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the efforts made by the Government in the last three years to enhance employment and earnings in the traditional industries of our country including the type of schemes formulated to address the poverty in the country;

(b) whether the Government has any data about the number of people living in extreme poverty and joblessness in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c): Government of India in Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises is running a scheme titled – "Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industry (SFURTI)". The Scheme launched in 2005-06 for making Traditional Industries more productive and competitive by organizing the Traditional Industries and artisans into clusters has been revamped. The scheme inter-alia aims at promoting sustained employment for traditional artisans and rural enterpreneurs and to enhance marketability, etc. The Government of India has approved the revamped SFURTI with modified norms for continuation during the XII Plan. Initially, in the first phase, 71 clusters are to be developed across the country involving an outlay of Rs. 149.44 crores.

As of now, 78 cluster proposals have been given in-principle approval out of which 72 cluster proposals have been given final approval with a financial assistance of Rs.140.03 crore by Scheme Steering Committee (SSC) of SFURTI. 59900 artisans will be benefitted under these 72 clusters. The Scheme is under revision and in the process of continuation for next 3 years.

Tendulkar Committee provided the last estimates of Poverty Head Count Ratio and Number of persons below poverty line for 2004-05, 2009-10 and 2011-12 are at Annexure.

Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation and Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour & Employment. As per the result of last two surveys, the estimated Worker Population Ratio for persons aged 15 years and above on usual status basis was 53.7% during 2013-14 and 50.7% during 2015-16 and unemployment rate was 3.4% and 3.7% during these periods.

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Annexure

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2167 FOR 01-01-2018

Poverty Estimates (Combined)								
		Headcount Ratio (%)				Number Below Poverty Line (Lakhs)		
	State	1993-94	2004-05	2009-10	2011-12	2004-05	2009-10	2011-12
1	Andhra Pradesh	44.6	29.9	21.1	9.2	238.8	176.6	78.8
2	Arunachal Pradesh	54.5	31.1	25.9	34.7	3.6	3.5	4.9
3	Assam	51.8	34.4	37.9	32	97.3	116.4	101.3
4	Bihar	60.5	54.4	53.5	33.7	485.6	543.5	358.2
5	Chhattisgarh	50.9	49.4	48.7	39.9	109.9	121.9	104.1
6	Goa	20.8	25	14.2	9.9	3.6	23.3	17.0
7	Gujarat	37.8	31.8	8.7	5.1	172.2	1.3	0.8
8	Haryana	35.9	24.1	23	16.6	55.1	136.2	102.2
9	Himachal Pradesh	34.6	22.9	20.1	11.2	14.6	50.0	28.8
10	Jammu & Kashmir	26.3	13.2	9.5	8.1	14.2	6.4	5.6
11	Jharkhand	60.7	45.3	9.4	10.3	130.7	11.5	13.3
12	Karnataka	49.5	33.4	39.1	37	185.7	126.2	124.3
13	Kerala	31.3	19.7	23.6	20.9	65.0	142.3	129.8
14	Madhya Pradesh	44.6	48.6	12	7.1	316.9	39.6	23.9
15	Maharashtra	47.8	38.1	36.7	31.6	393.3	261.8	234.1
16	Manipur	65.1	38	24.5	17.4	8.7	270.8	197.9
17	Meghalaya	35.2	16.1	47.1	36.9	3.9	12.5	10.2
18	Mizoram	11.8	15.3	17.1	11.9	1.4	4.9	3.6
19	Nagaland	20.4	9	21.1	20.4	1.9	2.3	2.3
20	Orissa	59.1	57.2	20.9	18.9	220.2	4.1	3.8
21	Punjab	22.4	20.9	37	32.6	53.8	153.2	138.5
22	Rajasthan	38.3	34.4	1.2	8.3	210.3	0.1	23.2
23	Sikkim	31.8	31.1	15.9	14.7	1.8	43.5	102.9
24	Tamil Nadu	44.6	28.9	24.8	8.2	186.8	167.0	0.5
25	Tripura	32.9	40.6	13.1	11.3	13.7	0.8	82.6
26	Uttar Pradesh	48.4	40.9	17.1	14	735.5	121.8	5.2
27	Uttarkhand	32	32.7	17.4	29.4	29.7	6.3	598.2
28	West Bengal	39.4	34.3	37.7	11.3	289.1	737.9	11.6
29	A & N Islands			18	20		17.9	185.0
30	Chandigarh			26.7	9.7		240.3	1.2
31	Dadra & Nagar Haveli			0.4	1		0.0	0.0
32	Daman & Diu			9.2	21.8		1.0	2.3
33	Delhi	15.7	13.1	39.1	39.3	20.4	1.3	1.4
34	Lakshadweep			33.3	9.9		0.8	0.3
35	Puducherry	30.9	14.1	6.8	2.8	1.5	0.0	0.0
36	India	45.3	37.2	29.8	21.9	4,076.1	3,546.8	2,697.8

Source: Planning Commission